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August 28, 2013

Brent Cox
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Subject: Review of Reclamation Surety, Cox's Transport, Quarry Mine, S/023/0096, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Cox:

There are two purposes to this letter:

1. To document discussions at a meeting held August 22, 2013, between you, Duane Bays of the Bureau of Land Management, and Wayne Western of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, concerning the referenced project.
2. To direct you to update the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI).

At the August 22, 2013, meeting Mr. Bays explained that the BLM had closed the file on the project in 2011. You have a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI) on file with the Division and a reclamation surety in the amount of \$13,000.00 for two acres of disturbance.

You explained that Cox Transportation had made an agreement with the BLM that gypsum at the site would be removed in exchange for reclamation. As part of the agreement, the BLM would not charge payments or lease fees. The Division did a GPS survey of the disturbed area and determined it to be about four acres.

The amount of surety was recently increased in response to a directive issued by the Division, and the Division thanks you for your timely response. However, as noted above, the amount now being held, \$13,000.00, is for two acres of disturbance, and the actual disturbance is about four acres.

You are directed to take the following actions by November 1, 2013:

- Obtain an agreement with the BLM to conduct mining operations on the site.



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- Update the NOI to show the current permit boundaries and acreages.
- Include in the NOI a statement that only reclamation will be done on previously disturbed areas.
- Submit a map showing the disturbed area boundaries within which mining will be authorized. Please clearly show areas of previous disturbance for which the operator (Cox's Transport) is not responsible. The previous disturbance areas should include areas that have been fully reclaimed.
- Submit a map showing the areas that have been fully or partially reclaimed.

Please call Wayne Western at 801-538-5263 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Baker
Mining Program Manager

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